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Attorney Docket No. : 500055.02 (660073.488D1)

Serial No. : 09/386,646

Group Art Unit : 2811

Filed : August 31, 1999

Examiner : Hung K. Vu

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRENCH ISOLATION PROCESS WITH PAD
GATE AND TRENCH EDGE SPACER ELIMINATION

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Submission previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

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b. ☒ Submission enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

☒ Postcard

☒ Check

☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet

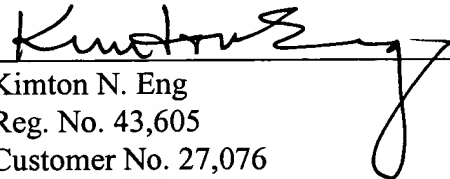
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4. Deposit Account

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.